GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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PENDING CASES OF DEFENCE PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of service related cases of defence personnel lying pending in various High Courts and the Supreme Court as on October 31, 2000;

(b) whether the Government have since decided to make any alternate arrangement to dispose of these cases expeditiously; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the new set-up to dispose of the cases urgently is likely to come in force?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Sir, total number of cases of defence personnel, pending in Supreme Court and various High Courts is as under:

	Supreme Court	High Courts	Total
Army	85	5898	5983
Navy	16	166	182
Air Force	12	691	703

(b) & (c): The Government have decided, in principle, to set up a statutory Tribunal for Armed Forces for hearing of appeals, against orders, in cases of Court Martials and for adjudication of Service matters of Armed Forces personnel. The concerned Departments/Ministries have been consulted on the legislative proposal in this regard. Certain observations have been raised by these Departments/Ministries which are being examined in the Ministry of Defence.